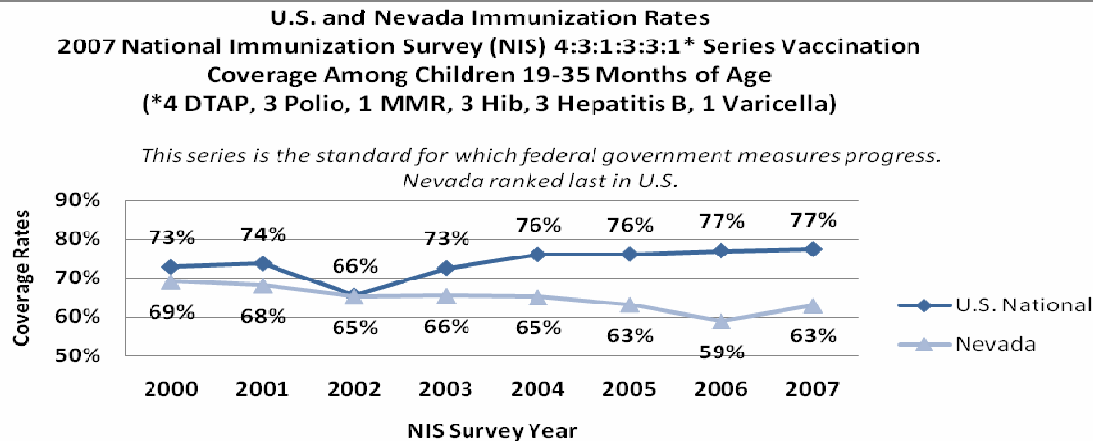


# Nevada Maternal & Child Health Issue Brief

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### Children's Immunizations in Nevada:



- 2007- Nevada ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in U.S. for HepB birth dose at 62.7%
- The Healthy People 2010 goal for the United States is to have 80% of two year-olds immunized. Currently Nevada is at 63.1%.

National Maternal & Child Health Performance Measure #7: Percent of 19 to 35 month-olds who have received full schedule of age appropriate immunizations against Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Polio, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Haemophilus Influenza, and Hepatitis B. [see data above]

### Problem Statement:

Though the immunization coverage levels are low, our disease rates are also low, indicating high community immunity. Immunization rates at school entry are above 90%. Despite low disease rates, it is important to maintain high vaccination coverage levels across the life span to ensure that Nevadans are protected from potentially deadly diseases. Research shows that when children are not fully vaccinated it can affect families and the community.

There are many barriers preventing childhood immunization. These barriers include parent's time in travel and time away from work, cost of vaccinations, inability to vaccinate in the medical home, and failure to assess immunization records at every visit. Due to multiple barriers, we need to coordinate immunization opportunities during health screenings such as well child visits.

### Recommendations:

- Promote the use of the Immunization Information System (Nevada WebIZ) to prevent the scattering of immunization records (central repository).
- Train health care providers on WebIZ. Currently reached milestone of the 600<sup>th</sup> enrolled provider.
- Promote the medical home.
- Do not miss opportunities to vaccinate.
- Promote school-based services.
- Improve surveillance activities of Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPD).



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